
OLR Bill Analysis

HB 5602

AN ACT EXEMPTING INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT OFFER FREE COURSES TO INMATES FROM STATE CONTRACTING REQUIREMENTS.

SUMMARY:

This bill specifies that a higher education institution that enters into an agreement with the Department of Correction (DOC) for the institution's employees or agents to teach for-credit courses to inmates at no charge to DOC or the inmates is not considered a state contractor for the purposes of the agreement.

This means that, with respect to the agreement, the institution does not have to, among other things, (1) file a representation and documentation that it complies with state anti-discrimination laws; (2) permit the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) access to pertinent books, records, and accounts on its employment practices and procedures; or (3) file compliance and employment reports with CHRO.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2013

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 14 Nay 0 (03/27/2013)